## **Employees Honored for Support to Small Business**

Five Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center employees recently were recognized by the Army for their assistance to three 2003 Army Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II Quality Award winners.

Acting Deputy Assistant
Secretary of the Army for
Research and Technology Dr.
Thomas Killion presented
plaques to Dr. Paul Willson,
Edward Cuda, Carol
L'Hommediueu, Stanley P.
Kopacz, and Grunde R.
Haugeto acknowledging their
efforts.



ARDEC sponsored three of the six award winners. A total of thirty-two companies were nominated.

The award is presented annually to exceptional projects that complete the research and development phase of the SBIR program.

It recognizes companies that exemplify the SBIR program goal of bringing innovative technologies and products developed by small businesses to the marketplace.

The firm Hi-Z Technology Inc. was recognized for developing a lightweight thermoelectric power source that produces two watts of power for 22 days using two pounds of fuel.

Surface Optics Corp. also received the award for developing extremely fast application-specific processing chips for hyperspectral imaging.

QED Technologies received its award for developing a breakthrough technology called subaperture stitching inferometer for use in fabricating advanced optics.

ARDEC also was recognized during the ceremony.